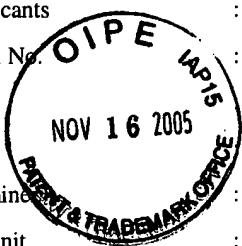


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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

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Total claims	21	Minus	21 =	0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	5	Minus	5 =	0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0.00

- * If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a -month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims ☐ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
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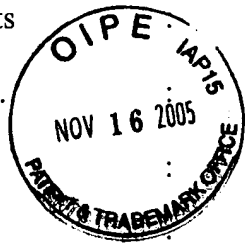
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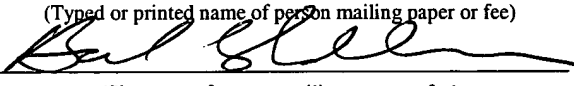
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2005, having a three-month statutory period of response set to expire on December 21, 2005, Applicants submit

herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.